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Twelve FARMER aircraft shipping crates were observed at Tirane/Rinas Airfield in Albania on [REDACTED] (Figure 1). These crates probably represent a new shipment from Communist China and, thus, would increase the number of FARMER aircraft in the Albanian inventory by approximately 50 percent to a total of 38. (DIA, European Communist Aircraft Order of Battle, Oct 69, SECRET, credits Albania with 26 FARMER; 24 of these have been observed on [REDACTED] photography.)

Communist China has exported FARMER aircraft to Pakistan and Albania. Aircraft have been flown directly to Pakistan, whereas shipments to Albania have apparently been by surface transportation. The sightings on [REDACTED] photography of FARMER shipping crates at Shen-yang Airframe Plant 112 (24 crates were observed there in [REDACTED] and 36 in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] indicate that the export of FARMER is continuing.

Albania reportedly received 15 FARMER from Communist China in late 1966 or early 1967.* A new defense agreement between China and Albania, which was put into effect at the end of 1968, included the promise of additional Chinese military aid, and by [REDACTED] five more FARMER had been delivered. The FARMER aircraft crates observed at Tirane/Rinas Airfield probably represent a continuation of Chinese military assistance to Albania.

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*DIA. Intelligence Supplement, 16 Jun 69 (TOP SECRET [REDACTED])

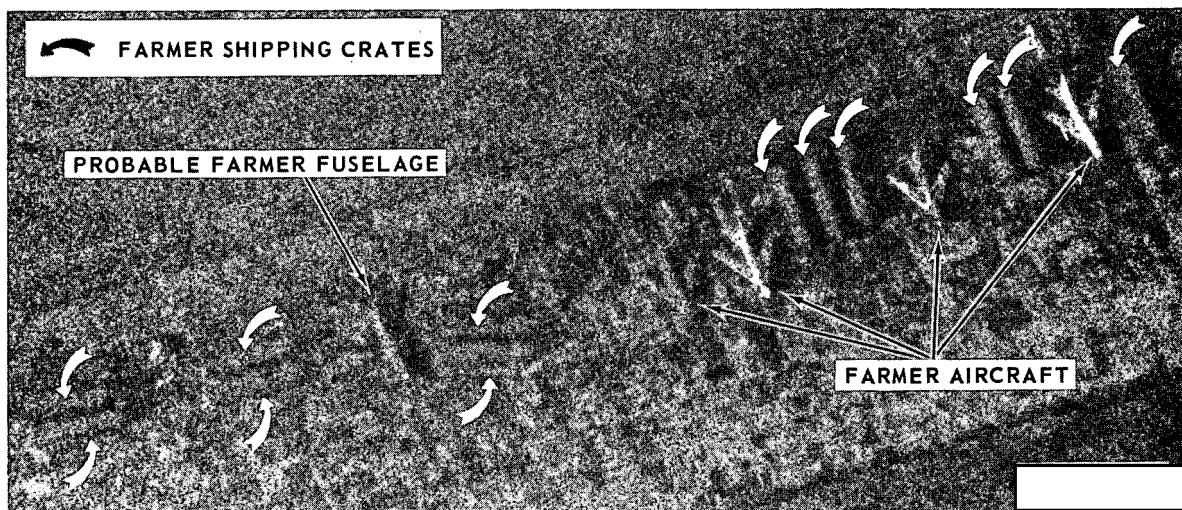


FIGURE 1. FARMER AIRCRAFT SHIPPING CRATES, TIRANE/RINAS AIRFIELD

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